

**Hillsboro R-3 School District
Board of Education Meeting
December 12, 2005**

**Agenda Item # VII A
Facilities Planning Committee Recommendation**

Executive Summary

Statement of Issue:

The Board of Education is asked to consider approval of the recommendation proposed by the Facilities Master Planning Committee.

Background Information:

On September 12, 2005, the Board of Education approved a planning process that would generate a long-range master facilities plan. The Facilities Planning Committee, co-chaired by Asst. Superintendent Tom Muzzey and community member David Tucker, met six times over the past two months. These meetings included a tour of District facilities by the committee members and, later, a town hall meeting to allow for comments from anyone in the community.

The Committee is prepared to recommend a short-range plan for expenditure of remaining bond issue funds. A copy of this recommendation has been included. The Committee will resume meetings in January 2006 to develop a recommendation for a long-range plan to address facilities needs.

Rationale of Purpose and Justification for Need:

Currently, the District has no long-term, formal plan to address current and future facility needs. The District must plan for these needs before the facilities become inadequate. The District must also spend remaining bond issue funds wisely.

Cost Analysis:

Approximately \$3.5 million of bond issue revenue remains unspent. The committee has identified nearly \$8.8 million of construction that should be completed in the short-term. The \$8.8 million figure is very likely over estimated but, at this early stage of planning, it is wise to be conservative. The committee recognizes that it is unlikely the District will be able to complete all of the identified short-term projects with available bond issue funds. The prioritized list is intended to guide District decision-making regarding the prioritization of projects to be funded. Any projects which cannot be completed with bond issue money may be completed using other District funds or may become part of the District's long-range facilities plan.

Recommendation:

Accept and approve the recommendation of the Facilities Master Planning Committee.

Prepared by:

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